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OPERATIVE SURGERY. By Joseph D. Bryant, M. D., Professor of the Principles and Practice of Surgery, Operative and Clinical Surgery, University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College; Visiting Surgeon to Bellevue and St. Vincent's Hospitals; Consulting Surgeon to the Hospital for Ruptured and Crippled, Woman's Hospital, and Manhattan State Hospital for the Insane; former Surgeon-General of N. G. N. Y.; Fellow of the American Surgical Association; Member of the International Society of Surgeons, and American Medical Association, former President New York Medical Association, and of the New York Academy of Medicine; President of the New York State Medical Society, Appleton and Company, New York and London.

One of the most marvellous features of life in America and more particularly in New York is shown in the continual need of reconstruction and readjustment of what seems to be permanent and lasting work. Nothing stands still, and those who purpose keeping abreast with the times must be up and doing. The entire revision of such a monumental piece of work as Bryant's Operative Surgery forces one to realize the impossibility of ever seeing the completion of any great task; getting to the end in most instances means turning back to the beginning. This fourth edition contains enough new matter to make a decent-sized volume in itself, and it also shows over two hundred illustrations that are new.

HANDBOOK FOR ATTENDANTS ON THE INSANE. Pub. Bailliére Tindall & Cox, London, W. T. Keener, Chicago.

The fourth edition of this little book, which is published under the authority of the Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland, comes to us through the kindness of Messrs. Keener, of Chicago. Although it seems to be a most popular manual in its own country, having reached its twenty-fifth thousand, it will hardly take root on being transplanted to this soil. To the American mind there is a vast and unaccountable hiatus between the source of its being and the book, so slender of caliber, so petty in detail. Granting that it be, as seems probable, the work of a veteran attendant, why does it appear under the imposing seal of the Medico-Psychological Association? Our brains refuse to comprehend the idea of this august body making poultices (very poor ones they make by the way), or cleaning the filthy head of a poor neglected patient. It is but a poor little affair of a book, even counting all its better features, and one